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SUBJECT: GOM ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION ACTIVITY REPORT,
APRIL 15 THRU APRIL 21, FIELD OPERATIONS THRU APRIL 28.

1. GOM ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR THE
SIXTEENTH WEEK OF 1978 ARE OUTLINED BELOW. FIGURES IN
PARENTHESIS REFLECT CUMULATIVE TOTAL EFFECTIVE DECEMBER,
1977.

ERADICATION APRIL 15-21, 1978
ZONES 05-09 03-04 01-02 TOTAL

A. POPPY FIELDS 473 0 71 544 (14,686)

B. HECTARES 37.31 0 1.36 38.67 (1160)

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C. MARIHUANA FIELDS 17 0 102 119 (1765)

D. HECTARES 1.36 0 4.54 5.90 (356)

E. MIXED FIELDS 2 0 0 2 (106)

F. HECTARES .09 0 0 .09 (10)

INTERDICTION APRIL 15-21, 1978

- THIS PERIOD CUMULATIVE TOTAL

A. KG. HEROIN	1.080	57.045	
B. KG. OPIUM	.819	215.051	
C. KG. OPIUM SEED	1.600	57.614	
D. HEROIN LABS	0	8	
E. KG. COCAINE	1.750	33.25	
F. KG MARIHUANA	6,779	236,670	
G. KG MARISEEDS	6	764.897	
H. KG HASHISH	7	59.65	
I. LITERS HASH OIL	0	.250	
J. KG PEYOTE	0	11.85	
K. D.U.DANGEROUS DRUGS	450,086	1,511,105	
L. ARREST-MEXICAN	82	1,699	
M. ARREST-U.S.	5	63	
N. ARREST-OTHER	0	11	
O. VEHICLES	17	273	
P. WEAPONS	29	674	
Q. AMMUNITION	250	27,360	
R. PESOS	0	433,399	
S. DOLLARS	0	22,942	
T. AIRCRAFT	0	23	

2. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR THE 16TH WEEK OF 1978 HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977. 544 POPPY FIELDS WERE DESTROYED DURING THE 16TH WEEK OF 1978 AS COMPARED WITH 553 POPPY FIELDS DURING THE SAME WEEK IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1977, A SLIGHT DECREASE. DURING THIS PERIOD IN 1977, 100 PERCENT OF THE ERADICATION OF POPPY FIELDS OCCURRED IN ZONE 6, CULIACAN, SINALOA. DURING THE 16TH WEEK OF 1978, APPROXIMATELY 87 PERCENT OF THE DESTRUCTION OF POPPY FIELDS OCCURRED IN ZONE 6, CULIACAN, SINALOA; AND THE REMAINING 13 PERCENT IN ZONE 2, CHILPANCINGO, GUERRERO. 38.67 HECTARES OF POPPIES WERE DESTROYED DURING THE 16TH WEEK OF 1978 AS COMPARED WITH 111 HECTARES DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977, AN APPROXIMATE 65 PERCENT DECREASE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HECTARES DESTROYED.

3. FIELD OPERATIONS:

A. ZONE 1, OAXACA: THE MARIHUANA FIELD TESTING WITH USE OF COLOR ADDITIVE, RHODAMINE-B, WAS TERMINATED IN THE JALTEPEC AREA IN SECTOR 297 ON APRIL 21. PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTED (PSC) PROJECT MANAGER, JOHN D. FORD, INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICERS COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BY ZONE COORDINATOR ZAMORA-APAM EXCEEDED DIRECTIVE IMPARTED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA. ALL MARIHUANA SAMPLES ARE PACKAGED AND LABELED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO AG OFFICE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS. PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF RED-TINTED MARIHUANA PLUS

HIGHLY VISIBLE SPRAYING OPERATIONS COULD BE SIGNIFICANT
DETERRENT IN REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF MARIHUANA BEING HARVEST-
ED BY CAMPESINOS IMMEDIATELY AFTER SPRAYING.

B. ZONE 2, CHILPANCINGO: THE JOINT VERIFICATION/EVALUA-
TION PROJECT TERMINATED IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO AFTER FIVE
DAYS OF ROTARY WING MISSIONS IN THOSE SECTORS PREVIOUSLY
DESIGNATED AS CRITICAL. NAU ADVISER STATED HE WAS CAU-
TIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ON THE RESULTS OBTAINED. REPORTS
REFLECT 17 LANDINGS/FIELDS EXAMINED WITH 7 FIELDS SCORED
PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY (41 PERCENT); HOWEVER, THE OFFICIAL TEAM
REPORT NOT YET FINALIZED. DURING A MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE
OFFICER BAEZA ON EVENING OF APRIL 25, EMBASSY OFFICER
HAPPENED TO MEET ZONE 2 COORDINATOR, LIC. ORDONEZ-RASCON,
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WHO STATED HE WAS SUMMONED TO MEXICO CITY TO PROVIDE FULL
BRIEFING FOR BAEZA ON EVENTS RELATED TO RECENT JOINT
MISSIONS UNDERTAKEN WITH U.S. PERSONNEL.

C. ZONE 6, CULIACAN: THE FULL PSC TEAM HEADED BY FORD

AND ACCOMPANIED BY NAU ADVISOR AROS ARRIVED IN CULIACAN ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 23. TEAM DID NOT FLY ON FOLLOWING DAY AS THEY HAD LENGTHY SESSION DEVOTED TO JOINT PLANNING AND DEVELOPING PLAN OF ACTION FOR EXTENSIVE NORTHWESTERN ZONE. AG AERO SERVICES PROVIDED TWO MODEL 212 HELICOPTERS FOR SUPPORT AND FOUR MODEL 206-BS FOR JOINT OBSERVER TEAMS. THUS FAR, TEAMS HAVE CONFINED ACTIVITIES TO SECTORS 80, 81, 84, 85, 101, AND 102, WHICH ARE IN THE PROXIMITIES OF THE SAN JOSE DEL LLANO BASE IN THE CENTRAL AREA BETWEEN CHOIX AND TOPIA. ON APRIL 26, FORD REPORTED ON THE BARREN CONDITIONS DUE TO THE DROUGHT CHARACTERIZED BY DRY STREAMS AND CREEKS, WITH DEAD LEAVES FALLING OFF TREES FOR LACK OF MOISTURE. ON APRIL 27, AROS REPORTED THEY DISCOVERED 30 POPPY FIELDS IN VARYING STAGES OF GROWTH WITH PLANT HEIGHT FROM 10 CENTIMETERS TO ONE METER. GROUND VERIFICATION IN-

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DICATED NUMEROUS CAPSULES WERE TEST-SCORED. FIELDS AVERAGED 250 SQUARE METERS OR ONE-SIXTEENTH OF AN ACRE IN SIZE WHICH IS SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER THAN THE OVERALL AVERAGE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. SPRAY SHIPS ARE ASSIGNED TO TEAMS FOR QUICK REACTION TO DETECTED FIELDS.

THE FOUR TEAMS HAVE AVERAGED A MINIMUM OF FOUR HOURS PER MISSION PER DAY. PLAN OF ACTION CALLS FOR A GRADUAL SHIFT TO THE SOUTH INTO THE TAMAZULA AND COSALA AREA AND LATER A TRANSFER TO THE NORTH TO COVER THE CHOIX AREA WHICH WILL ALSO COVER SOUTHERN CHIHUAHUA.

(1) VIOLENT INCIDENT: ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 24, LIC. MARTINEZ-RIVEROL'S APARTMENT IN CULIACAN WAS SPRAYED BY GUNFIRE FROM A PASSING VEHICLE. THE INTENDED VICTIM WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE LOGISTICS SUPPORT CHIEF WHO WAS RECENTLY NAMED AS THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR MAZATLAN. BAEZA INFORMED US THERE WERE NO SUSPECTS ON THE INCIDENT, BUT IT COULD BE NARCOTICS RELATED.

(2) ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 26, AN MFJP AGENT WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF CULIACAN IN THE PROXIMITY OF THE EXECUTIVE HOTE. BAEZA INFORMED US THIS INCIDENT RESULTED FROM AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN DRUNKEN MOTORISTS AND THE AGENT WHOM THEY HAD ALMOST STRUCK AS HE CROSSED THE STREET.

D. ZONE 10, MEXICO CITY.

(1) AVIATION OPERATIONS: AERO SERVICES CHIEF WASTED NO TIME IN NAMING TEMPORARY REPLACEMENTS FOR RECENT DISMISSALS. CAPTAIN GARCIA-DELGADO, EXPERIENCED MODEL 212 PILOT, WAS NAMED AS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS. AVIATION OPERATIONS ADVISER CARSON IS ELATED ON THE SELECTION. E-SYSTEMS CALL PER-

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SONNEL TECHNICIAN LLITEROS ARRIVED IN MEXICO TO ENERGIZE
FLIGHT-FOLLOWING CENTER PROJECT.

(2) MAINTENANCE: NAU ADVISER KARMAN REVIEWED THE MAINTENANCE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS WITH SENIOR MANAGEMENT. THE PROPOSED SURVEY WILL FOCUS ON PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS AND PRESENT UTILIZATION. (NOTE: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, AN ADDITIONAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS IS REQUIRED FOR EXTENSIVE CRASH DAMAGE REPAIRS ON TWO MODEL 212S AND ONE MODEL 206-B. PRESENT FUNDING PROJECTIONS FOR THE E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT WILL NOT ABSORB THESE COSTS.)

(3) TRAINING: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE ON THE SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR E-SYSTEMS TO COMMENCE THEIR TRAINING SESSIONS FOR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS IN THE NEW TELECOM BUILDING. TELECOM CHIEF PEREGRINO IS JEALOUSLY PROTECTING HIS NEW FACILITIES; HOWEVER, BAEZA IS AWARE OF AND WILL RESOLVE THIS TEMPORARY PROBLEM.

(4) TELECOMMUNICATIONS: ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES FOR THE EXPANDED MEXICO CITY VHF-FM OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE NETWORKS WERE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARIAT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION (SCT). COMPUTER ANALYSIS WILL VERIFY THEIR SUITABILITY IN SINGLE SITE MULTI-REPEATER OPERATIONS.

4. NATIONAL PLAN: BAEZA ASKED THAT WASHINGTON PRINCIPALS BE APPRISED THAT LIC. AGUILAR GARZA IS EXERCISING HIS FULL AUTHORITY AS ZONE COORDINATOR SUPERVISOR. BAEZA SAID THAT GARZA IS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT FIELD INSPECTION OF ALL CRITICAL ZONES TO EVALUATE PERFORMANCE AS FOLLOW-UP TO JOINT TRIP WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1977. HE IS ALSO TASKED TO DEVELOP PRIORITIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ADVANCE BASES AS FIRST PHASE OF NATIONAL PLAN.

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5. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: BAEZA INFORMED US THAT A THREE-MAN TEAM OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS FROM THE MEXICAN ACADEMY OF ECOLOGY IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AN IN-DEPTH STUDY ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF BOTH TYPES OF HERBICIDES PRESENTLY USED BY THE AG OFFICE IN ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. STUDY WILL INCLUDE TESTING AND INSPECTION OF THE AREAS SPRAYED TO DETERMINE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. BAEZA AGREED THAT COPY OF FINAL REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED EMBASSY.
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